

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on January 21, 2009, applicant requested an extension of time for 3 MONTH(S) and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4300 the required fee of \$ 555.00 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: claims 1, 2, 4-7, 19-21, 27-35, 41-44, 56-61 and 64-68 have been cancelled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Though the prior art indicates numerous aspects of the present invention, art was not found which disclosed locks preventing adjustment of the fluid receiving chamber, together in combination with the other claimed features of the applicant's invention.

Claims 8 and 11 invoke 112, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph with respect to "lacking means for preventing fluid reception chamber adjustment", this limitation is implicitly described on page 33, lines 18-23, and page 34, lines 1-6 of the specification as being peripherally continuous or interrupted with common or different lengths/heights protrusions.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MELVIN A. CARTAGENA whose telephone number is (571)272-4924. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30AM to 7:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin P. Shaver can be reached on (571) 272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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